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For. **PROTON-CONDUCTING MEMBRANE, METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME,
AND FUEL CELL USING THE SAME**

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Sir:

The benefit of the filing dates of the following prior foreign applications was requested on January 8, 2002 for the above-identified application, and the priority provided in 35 U.S.C. 119 was claimed:

Japanese Appln. No. 2001-001862, filed January 9, 2001

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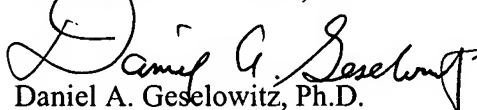
Japanese Appln. No. 2002-000010, filed January 4, 2002

In support of this claim, the requisite certified copies of said original foreign applications are filed herewith.

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